

PREMIERS' CONFERENCE

tion of an arrangement such as that made in Queensland, might get over the difficulty without wounding the susceptibilities of the nation. In any case it would be better to have coloured men, as at present, in the Northern Territory, under the control of Australian than have the country 25 years hence under the control of the coloured men themselves. Nor do I suggest that such concessions to the necessities of the position need prove preposterous. The small white holding is possible but it must follow upon the large plantation system.

quired labour question, might eventually be brought about by some system such as the following:—Allow capitalists a concession as considerable agricultural areas and the right to import contract labour from Europe. The concession should provide that, after seven years in his term, the labourer would have the right to select, if he wishes, within the European area of the concession. Thus the European

the business, whatever it might be, and use it as he so desired, make his home in the country, and continue on a small scale to carry on the industry which was first of all established on a large scale. If I thought that either capital or European labour would be willing to pioneer agriculture, then the suggestion of employing coloured labour for a certain number of years would not be a necessary one. But the opportunity to do pioneer

THE WHITE ANTS.

A factor in agriculture in the Territory the white ant pest. This exercises the mind of many who hope to see cultivation progress. Through all the country traversed by the railway, immense numbers are seen often reaching up to 20ft high, where they are found to be eating the crops. And short

went through several miles of apparently rich soil, where the pillar-like homes of the ants were so numerous as to present the appearance of a vast cemetery in which the tombstones were all of the same material and shape, but differed only in size. A cocoanuc grove near Palmerston, which has stood for many years, is now falling into decay, owing to the depredations of the insects, and the

annual crops. In other words, where the cultivation and consequent disturbance of the soil are frequent, there is little injury to the forest from the ants. This may be correct, but, on the other hand, it is not altogether clear that the good agricultural country is infested with the pest. Visitors to the Du River, about 50 miles from the coast, found some excellent soil, and where the soil was

quently not be so serious a matter as is present thought. Scientific investigation on this matter, like the classification of the soil, will serve a good purpose in clearing the way for settlement.

THE PASTORAL INDUSTRY.

This is really very little to be said upon this subject. It is claimed that portions of the country are rich in pasture lands, and that the pastoral industry is one of the most important of the country. It is claimed that the pastoral industry is one of the most important of the country. It is claimed that the pastoral industry is one of the most important of the country.

ing certain times of the year; the count-
ing is done by the natives, and the stock
300 miles back, with an elevation of some-
times 300 or 400 feet above sea level, affords a
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cellent pasture. The best pasture land
however, is on the true tableland, still 100
feet back. It is here that stock are off-
ered during the dry months; and it is here
also, that probably the best horses in Aus-
tralia can be bred. I saw some horses

large-boned and well built, though they did not pick animals, and did not come from the best of the country. For the purpose of breeding horses for India, the Territory presents many facilities and advantages, and this is a form of industry which might well be extended. Cattle, also, do well, and the establishment of works at the Victoria River might lead to a very considerable trade in frozen meats with the East. Many of the

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the pastoral possibilities of the country, not differ largely from those of many other parts of Australia; and, doubtless, the time will come when, with increased population and settlement, all the pastoral lands of the Territory will come under the effective occupation first of all of the pioneers, then of the grazing farmers, and later on of small herdsmen. The opening up of proper stock routes

NEW ZEALAND.

ACTION AGAINST DUTCH ARTIST.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.) Thursday

was proceeded against in the Magistrate's Court, Wellington, by an hotelkeeper for the recovery of £75 claimed to be due for board and lodging for himself and wife. The defendant denied that he had any pictures worth £75 in his possession, but he admitted that he had some pictures there, all unfinished, but they belonged to his son for services rendered. He knew nothing about money matters. The pictures were valued at £75.

RESTRICTION OF CHINESE.

The Farmers' Union Conference passed resolution favouring the restriction again increased numbers of Chinese coming to the colony.

THE COBAR STRIKE.
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CONFERENCE SITTING.
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A HOPEFUL TONE.
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COBAR, Thursday.

evening in the Oddfellows' Hall, the premises being admitted. The delegates were: Amalgamated Miners' Association, E. Edmonds, Stewart, F. Condon, T. Williams, H. Seaton, T. Brown, B. West, W. Moore, R. Williams and R. Hawkins; Mine Mechanics': J. Stepiens, T. Davis, G. Healy, G. Nolan, J. McGuire, R. Christie; Engine-drivers' Association: M'Gowan, E. Gearing, J. Forbes, A. Hargreaves.

The conference adjourned at 6 o'clock, and met again at 8, and continued sitting until half-past 11, when it adjourned till this morning.

gates was good, although there are, so far, no signs of giving or taking much on either side. Every point has been very fully discussed, and, up to the adjournment last night, no practical result had been attained. The engine-drivers maintain that the wages they ask for are lower than at Broken Hill. Mr. Blakemore wired to Broken Hill for a complete list of wages paid there, and the

The following items were conditionally accepted, provided that an industrial agreement is arrived at, with a penalty fixed for a breach of the same:—Winding engine drivers, 11s and 10s 6d; loco-drivers' wages, 10s per day; owners to compel shutters to keep up to their work, and so assist drivers; slimes tank men, 8s 6d (also accepted). It is not expected the conference will...

The delegates met this morning, and the struggle began again. The various points presented were even more thoroughly thrashed out than at yesterday's sittings. During the morning Mr. Blakemore and Mr. Stanley Edwards, president of the Amalgamated Miners' Association, got into an argument, resulting in Mr. Blakemore challenging Mr. Edwards to take a secret ballot of members of the union on the subject. The chal-

present had a private talk with Mr. Blackmore, pointing out that a ballot meant practically a vote of confidence in the officers of the various unions, and the matter was allowed to drop. Besides the above incidents there has been little quality reached on the question at issue. At the adjournment for lunch there was a more hopeful tone prevailing.

to place the business done before their respective unions, meetings of which are to take place at once. After the unions have discussed the proposals put forth by the Miners' Association the chairman of the conference will call all the delegates together for a final conference. It is expected this conference will be called some time to-morrow.

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Mining Dividends.

The have been declared payable on the date hereunder. C denotes cash; W transfer books	
P, when payable:	
New South Wales	
Bick 10, C. June 10, P. June 18	1 6
Black 10, C. June 10, P. June 18	1 6
Miner, C. May 30, P. June 5	1 0
Crestal, C. May 30, P. June 5	1 0
Le, C. June 7, P. June 11	1 0
Copper, P. May 31	0 1
Crestal, C. June 1	0 1
VICTORIA.	
Dredging, C. May 25, P. May 31	1 0
Orinot, P. May 25	1 0
Cresk, C. May 31, P. May 31	1 0
May 31, P. May 31	1 0
Not at all, C. May 30, P. June 5	1 0
Zedgery, C. June 7	1 0

May 20, P. June 8	2 0
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	
and Mooltas, P. June 1	7 0
QUEENSLAND	
and Leslie, P. June 4	12 0
and Black, C. May 34, P. May 11	0 0
Tray, P. June 1	0 0
May 27, P. May 31	0 0
C. June 10, P. June 21	0 0
TASMANIA	
ant Farrell, C. May 24, P. June 1	1 0
Home, C. May 27, P. June 10	0 0
Home, C. June 16, P. June 20	0 0
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	
C. May 24, P. May 19	0 0
ler, C. June 1, P. June 25	0 0
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water from the latter depth. The new ship
slashed the M-10 north, has been driven be-
hind the crest of M-2000 and is now being
redrilled, but the hole does not contain
oil or gas. McLeod's shaft—commencing
from the middle of the crest of M-2000
toward country rock, showing some veins
of a little yellow ore. The diamond drill
has been run to the red shale and the
drillers are obtaining average value between
10th Yella and 80th on the main late gash
and the crest of M-2000. The
10th Yella—Stoping has proceeded at the 60th
The M-10 has been driven in late material,
above some of the red shale and is being
a penthouse and hauling about is the 10th
drilled about six fathoms of slaggy waste
which is possible to get out of the
material for the full width of the drive, valued
at 14 per cent. ore per lineal fathom. Ge-
ologists have been running a 100 ft. dia-
mond drill from the crest of M-2000 down
toward the main crest of M-2000 and

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fit for the work. Face remains mostly grey but, but a few splashes of grey copper ore and metallic copper occurring in places. These splashes are of very small size. North drive: 100 ft. from top of the No. 200 level. Face is in lift from centre of the No. 200 level. Ground is blue slate, with numerous seams, up to 1/2 inch in width of calcite, and some irregularly bedded, yellowish, talcose. No change in nature of the country. No new material showing. West crocnet: Face is in lift from centre of the No. 200 level. Ground is blue slate, with numerous seams, up to 1/2 inch in width of calcite, and some irregularly bedded, yellowish, talcose. No change in nature of the country. No new material showing. West crocnet: Face is in lift from centre of the No. 200 level. Ground is blue slate, with numerous seams, up to 1/2 inch in width of calcite, and some irregularly bedded, yellowish, talcose. No change in nature of the country. No new material showing.

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